THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) to (c) Central Water Commission (CWC) had earlier received a proposal for "Flood Protection to Brahmani-Birupa-Kelua Doad of Brahmani System" with an estimated cost of Rs.25.40 crores in March, 2003 from Orissa for examination. Upon examination, the CWC conveyed its comments to State Government of Orissa in October, 2003 and September, 2005 for compliance. The State Government of Orissa submitted a modified proposal for an estimated cost of Rs. 35.45 crores in October, 2006 and subsequently revised it to Rs.59.13 crores in May, 2008 for examination. The proposals were again examined in the CWC and comments sent. In the meantime, the Government of Orissa again modified the proposal at an estimated cost to Rs.64.58 crores covering the total catchment area of Brahmani River System of 36260 sq. km. and submitted to CWC in August, 2009. The latest modified proposal has also been examined in CWC and the comments sent to State Government of Orissa in November, 2009. The Government of Orissa has complied with CWC observations partially. Upon satisfactory compliance to the observations of CWC by the State Government, the aforesaid scheme would be placed before the Advisory Committee of MoWR for approval.

Problems of Sea Erosion

1663. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several coastal areas of Tamil Nadu are facing the problems of sea erosion which has become critical in certain areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether works for anti sea erosion measures have been taken up in these coastal areas of the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) to (d) As per the information furnished by the State Government of Tamil Nadu, the coastal length of 641 km was affected by the sea-erosion; out of which 40 km length of coastline has been protected by the State Government.

The anti-sea erosion works are generally planned and executed by the respective State Government from own resources. Government of India also provides central assistance for undertaking such works in critical reaches. During X Plan period, central assistance amounting to Rs. 2.32 crore was provided to the State Government of Tamil Nadu for "Construction of groyne (400 m) at Periayathalai village in Tiruchendur Taluk of Thoothukudi District.

(e) Does not arise.